

## Pharmacy Technicians (29-2052)

**Occupation description:** Prepare medications under the direction of a pharmacist. May measure, mix, count out, label, and record amounts and dosages of medications according to prescription orders.

### Employment and Job Openings

	Average employment			Average annual openings		
	2010 estimate	2020 projection	Percent change	Growth	Replacement	Total
Alaska	547	680	24.3	13	10	24
United States	334,400	442,600	32.4	10,820	5,810	16,630

#### Job outlook

**Alaska:** Alaska's employment growth is robust with high employment opportunities. [Read more.](#)

### 2013 Wages ?

	Mean Wage and 95% Confidence Interval			Wage by Percentile		
	Low	Mean	High	10th	Median	90th
United States	n/a	14.83	n/a	9.92	14.25	20.78
Alaska	18.26	19.00	19.74	13.90	18.90	24.96
Anchorage/Mat-Su Area (MSA)	18.25	19.31	20.37	14.06	19.33	25.31
Fairbanks North Star Borough (MSA)	18.02	18.68	19.34	14.80	18.69	22.94
Balance of State	17.85	18.93	20.01	13.74	18.66	25.13

### Labor Force Indicators

#### 2012 Worker Characteristics

Total workers	Nonresident workers	Percent nonresident	Percent age 45 plus	Percent age 50 plus
627	49	7.8	26.7	18.6

#### 2012 Potential Supply

Qualified but working in another occupation	103
Currently employed in a lower paid occupation	26
UI claimants previously working in occupation	45

#### 2012 ALEXsys Employment Data

Number of registrants	403
Number of job position postings	176
Ratio of registrants to job position postings	2.3

## 2011 Alaska Licensing Information

Pharmacy Technician: 1,520 licensed

### Typical Entry-level Education, Experience, and/or On-the-job Training

**Education:** High school diploma or equivalent

**Work experience:** None

**On-the-job training:** Moderate-term on-the-job training

### Training Resources

	Degree
<a href="#">University of Alaska Anchorage</a>	
<a href="#">Pharmacy Technology</a>	OEC

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